

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting Monday, September 25, 2006, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner Sanna Henderson
Commissioner John Christian
Commissioner David Knowles
Commissioner Lewis Puckett
Mayor Bob Lovell

Others present were City Manager (CM) Ron Stock, City Clerk (CC) Betty Richardson, City Attorney (CA) Fred Morrison, Deputy City Clerk (DCC) Diane Gibson Smith, the news media, and others.

Commissioner Christian gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVED CITY COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 AND BUDGET MEETINGS HELD AUGUST 21, 2006, AUGUST
28, 2006 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**

Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the City Commission minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 2006 and budget meetings held August 21, 2006, August 28, 2006, and September 14, 2006. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion

Commissioner Henderson noted the September 14, 2006 minutes stated all commissioners were present at the top but she and Commissioner Puckett were not present.

Commissioner Puckett moved to amend the September 14, 2006 City Commission minutes and approve the other minutes as presented. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**ANNOUNCED THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE PROPOSED MILLAGE
RATE OVER THE ROLLED BACK RATE**

CM Stock announced the proposed millage rate of 4.500 mills for the Fiscal Year 2006-07 for the City of Leesburg, Florida, representing an increase of 0.763 mills or 20.42% over the rolled-back rate of 3.737 mills.

DISCUSSED THE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE TAX INCREASE

CM Stock advised the reasons for the tax increase are personal services, cost for construction materials, cost to providing services to new annexations and developments, and cost to purchase utilities.

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REQUESTED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE BUDGET

Mayor Lovell requested comments from the public regarding the budget.

Donna Hyre, a Sleepy Hollow resident, stated she moved from outside of Chicago this year. Ms. Hyre stated she received a TRIM notice, which appeared to show the tax rates have increased tremendously over the past year. Ms. Hyre is interested in knowing how the City of Leesburg tax is affecting her property tax rate and the combined millage rate. Where does the money for the increased budget for the City come from, if not from the millage rate? Ms. Hyre stated she is concerned property taxes will be double what she expected.

Mayor Lovell stated the increase in taxes is due to the increase in property values. The City of Leesburg has not raised its millage rate in the past 18 years.

CM Stock stated there are a number of governmental agencies (including the School District and the County) which use the taxes collected. A portion of the General Fund for the City is funded by the taxes. The City is in a growing economy and new commercial and residential properties have emerged over the past year that were not on the tax rolls last year. Also a house is reassessed when sold and taxes are brought up to the current level instead of the "Save Our Homes" level. This means the tax dollars to the City will be higher.

Ms. Hyre wanted to know where impact fees are used. CM Stock stated entities charge impact fees to help fund putting infrastructure in place. The contractor paid for the mains inside the subdivision and service lines to the homes. The City must make sure the other lines are adequate to handle the increased water usage. The City uses the impact fees to cover part of the costs involved in these systems, such as lines and pumps. Property taxes help fund the operations (i.e. the running of the systems).

CM Stock noted the TRIM notice shows the worst case scenario. CM Stock's experience has been the taxes are lower than stated on the TRIM notice.

CA Morrison stated the TRIM notice can be misleading as the notice shows 100% of the property tax and there is a discount of up to four percent depending on when you pay your bill.

ANNOUNCED THE NAME OF THE TAXING AUTHORITY, THE ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE, THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE, AND THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED

CM Stock stated the taxing authority is the City of Leesburg. He announced the millage rate of 4.500 mills for the Fiscal Year 2006-07 for the City of Leesburg, Florida, representing an increase of 0.763 mills or 20.42% over the rolled-back rate of 3.737 mills.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7727 FINALLY ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 4.500 MILLS PER \$1,000 TAXABLE VALUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Commissioner Puckett introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution by title only, as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida finally adopting 4.500 mills as the Fiscal Year 2006-07 millage rate for the City of Leesburg, Florida, representing an increase of 0.763 mills or 20.42% over the

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rolled-back rate of 3.737 mills and directing the City Manager or his authorized representative to certify said millage to the Lake County Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, and the Florida Department of Revenue; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06- 94 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 BUDGET

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida adopting the Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget for the City of Leesburg, Florida; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OVER THE ROLLED BACK RATE

CM Stock announced the final adopted millage rate of 4.500 mills represents an increase of 0.763 mills or 20.42% over the rolled-back rate of 3.737 mills.

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ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-95 OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; REVISING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT TO INCLUDE THE 2006-2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending the City's Comprehensive Plan; revising the Capital Improvements Element to include the 2006-2016 Capital Improvements Plan; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Puckett moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Christian noted the plan states the Performing Arts Center will be funded for \$500,000 for six years instead of the \$300,000 for ten years he had expected. CM Stock stated \$500,000 for six years is correct.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7728 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH GREEN LEAF DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC

Commissioner Puckett introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution by title only, as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing execution of an annexation agreement between the City of Leesburg and Green Leaf Development Associates, LLC; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea

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Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-96 ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 96.03 ACRES EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CR 48 AND US HWY 27, WEST OF LEUTY ROAD, SOUTH OF LAKE HARRIS, IN SECTION 12-20-24 AND SECTIONS 7 AND 18-20-25; PLACING PROPERTY IN CITY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 (GREEN LEAF)

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, annexing certain real property consisting of approximately 96.03 acres and being generally located east of the intersection of CR 48 and US Hwy 27, west of Leuty Road, south of Lake Harris, lying in Section 12, Township 20 south, Range 24 east and Sections 7 and 18, Township 20 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida, which is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Leesburg, Florida, providing that said property so annexed shall be liable for its proportionate share of the existing and future indebtedness of said City; providing that such annexed property shall be subject to all laws and ordinances of said City as if all such territory had been a part of the City of Leesburg at the time of passage and approval of said laws and ordinances; providing that such annexed territory shall be placed in City Commission District 3; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Knowles moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Christian seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-97 REZONING APPROXIMATELY 96.03 ACRES EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CR 48 AND US HWY 27, WEST OF LEUTY ROAD, SOUTH OF LAKE HARRIS, IN SECTION 12-20-24 AND SECTIONS 7 AND 18,-20-25 FROM COUNTY A (AGRICULTURE) TO CITY PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT), SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN EXHIBIT A (GREEN LEAF)

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

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An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, rezoning approximately 96.03 acres generally located east of the intersection of CR 48 and US Hwy 27, west of Leuty Road, south of Lake Harris, lying in Section 12, Township 20 south, Range 24 east and Sections 7 and 18, Township 20 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida, from County A (Agriculture) to City PUD (Planned Unit Development), subject to conditions contained in Exhibit A; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henderson requested a copy of a letter which was put into the record at the Planning Meeting. Community Development Director (CDD) McElhanon stated she will send copies to all the Commissioners.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-98 VACATING CERTAIN RESERVATIONS OF 15 AND 20 FEET FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (24.18 ACRES) NORTH OF TALLEY ROAD, SOUTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD., WEST OF THOMAS AVENUE, LYING IN SECTION 15-19-24

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, vacating certain reservations of 15 and 20 feet for public rights-of-way (24.18 acres) as recorded in Official Record Book 525, Pages 689, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, said property generally located north of Talley Road, south of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, west of Thomas Avenue, lying in Section 15, Township 19 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henderson questioned the location of the rights-of way. CA Morrison stated one right-of-way could not be mapped due to the lack of an appropriate legal description. The other right-of-way runs fifteen feet along the section line. The vacations are being done to clear title problems.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

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The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-99 ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF US HWY 27, AT THE TERMINUS OF CASH COURT, IN SECTION 24-20-24; PLACING PROPERTY IN CITY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 (CITY OF LEESBURG/HIGHLAND LAKES)

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, annexing certain real property consisting of approximately one acre and being generally located east of US Hwy 27, at the terminus of Cash Court, lying in Section 24, Township 20 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, which is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Leesburg, Florida, providing that said property so annexed shall be liable for its proportionate share of the existing and future indebtedness of said City; providing that such annexed property shall be subject to all laws and ordinances of said City as if all such territory had been a part of the City of Leesburg at the time of passage and approval of said laws and ordinances; providing that such annexed territory shall be placed in City Commission District 3; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Knowles moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Christian seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

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ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-100 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LEESBURG, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE AND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF U.S. HWY. 27, AT THE TERMINUS OF CASH COURT, IN SECTION 24-20-24 FROM COUNTY URBAN EXPANSION TO CITY INSTITUTIONAL (CITY OF LEESBURG/HIGHLAND LAKES)

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Leesburg, changing the Future Land Use Map designation of certain property containing approximately one acre and generally located east of U.S. Hwy. 27, at the terminus of Cash Court, lying in Section 24, Township 20 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, from County Urban Expansion to City Institutional; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henderson questioned why this property is being annexed. CDD McElhanon stated the City owns the property and is the site of a City water tank tower.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-101 REZONING APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF U.S. HWY 27, AT THE TERMINUS OF CASH COURT, IN SECTION 24-20-24, FROM COUNTY PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO CITY P (PUBLIC) (CITY OF LEESBURG/HIGHLAND LAKES)

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, rezoning approximately one acre generally located east of U.S. Hwy. 27, at the terminus of Cash Court, lying in Section 24, Township 20 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, from County PUD (Planned Unit Development) to City P (Public); and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Knowles moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Christian seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

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The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 06-102 ACCEPTING THE WARRANTY DEED FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY FOR PROPERTY IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19, RANGE 24 (GYM PROPERTY)

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a Warranty Deed given by the School Board of Lake County, Florida, f/k/a Board of Public Instruction, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land located in Section 22, Township 19 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Christian stated he noticed trees are beginning to be removed. Bids are expected back within four weeks.

Mayor Lovell requested comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE UTILITY EASEMENT WITH FISCHER BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LLC. ET AL.

Commissioner Puckett introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting the utility easement from Fischer Brothers Enterprises, LCC, Jeremy D. Coon, John and Nancy Malik, Doug L. and Michelle T. Ressler, Janice M. Malik, as trustee, and Daniel L. and Angela S. Tatro, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land

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located in Section 28, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Puckett questioned the purpose of a utility easement. CA Morrison stated a utility easement gives the City the permission to place utilities on the property. The property does not change ownership.

Mayor Lovell requested comments or questions from the public. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Pulled: B3 (Lake Square Mall lease)
B6 (Certified Public Manager contract)
B10A & B (Kristen Court apartments)

Commissioner Knowles moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for items 4.B.3, 4.B.6 and 4.B.A&B. Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

PURCHASING ITEMS: - NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 7729

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to re-appoint board members to the Board of Trustees, General Employees Retirement Board.

RESOLUTION 7730

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida amending the rate schedule for solid waste services; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7731

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, approving the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2006-2016 providing that projects shall be evaluated annually for fiscal feasibility and duly authorized by the Commission prior to commencement; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7732

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Lifestream Behavioral Center (Child Care Choice Services) during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

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RESOLUTION 7733

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Lifestream Behavioral Center during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7734

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Lake County Community Action Agency during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7735

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Leesburg Cemeteries, Inc. during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7736

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7737

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Dabney Minatee Heritage Group, Inc. during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7738

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Leesburg Partnership, Inc. during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7739

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Miss Leesburg Scholarship Program during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7740

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Hospice of Lake & Sumter Counties during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

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RESOLUTION 7741

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Men of Distinction during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7742

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Center for Arts during Fiscal Year 2006-07; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7743

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Christian Care Center, Inc. during Fiscal Year 2006-07; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7744

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and The Boys and Girls Club of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc. during Fiscal Year 2006-07; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7745

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for grant funding between the City of Leesburg and Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc. during Fiscal Year 2006-07; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7746

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, establishing the Leesburg Swimming Pool and Venetian Gardens Master Plan Steering Committees; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7747

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Deed and Bill of Sale from the School Board of Lake County, Florida to the City of Leesburg, Florida, as to Four Portable Classrooms; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 7748

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Bill of Sale from the City of Leesburg, Florida to the Men of Distinction/Leesburg, Inc. for four portable classrooms; and providing an effective date.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Monthly financial report for August, 2006
2. Accounts Receivable Write-Offs – Commissioner Henderson commended staff on lowering the percentage of write-offs.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7749 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LAKE SQUARE MALL FOR A CUSTOMER SERVICE FACILITY

Commissioner Puckett introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution by title only, as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute a lease agreement with Lake Square Mall for mall space to be used for a remote customer service facility; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Knowles moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Christian seconded the motion.

Commissioner Puckett stated he does not believe this facility is needed. Having this facility costs the City over \$5 a customer if you take into account the costs of utilities and rent. Commissioner Henderson agreed this facility is an expense, but perhaps another year of information is needed before making the final decision.

Commissioner Knowles stated this facility is a convenience for some people. This facility is fairly new and many people may not have discovered it yet. Having a presence in the Mall is good for the City.

Mayor Lovell stated he is not sure how effective the facility has been as not enough information is known. Mayor Lovell stated staff should determine if the facility is effective and a good public service location.

CM Stock stated staff does believe the convenience is appreciated. He noted most telephone calls are directed to that office. The facility experiences roughly 20 walk-in customers a day (612 a year), and processed 5174 payments. Two staff members are on site and they process most of the mail-in payments. The number of transactions may be artificially high, but staff believes there is enough business to cover the costs.

Commissioner Christian stated the City ran fiber optics to the Mall for this office and pays approximately \$500 a month back to the City for the fiber optics.

Finance Director (FD) Bill Pfeilsticker stated expenses for the Mall facility are blended with the City Hall office. Many of the expenses are paid back to the City in payments for electricity and fiber optics.

Commissioner Christian stated he is not sure about the need for the Mall facility. Commissioner Christian voiced his concern about whether Customer Service in City Hall could be kept at its best if the Mall location were closed. FD Pfeilsticker stated the level of Customer Service provided at City Hall would not change.

Mayor Lovell requested comments or questions from the public. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Christian

Nay

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Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Nay
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Three yeas, two nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7750 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SEVEN LEVELS OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER TRAINING

Commissioner Henderson introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution by title only, as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Florida State University to provide seven levels of Certified Public Manager training during the period of November 28, 2006 and ending April 30, 2008; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Henderson questioned the types of projects completed during this program.

CM Stock stated the people involved choose the projects. Past projects have included the way contracts are awarded, analyzing bids, and a parking plan for downtown. Usually the projects deal with something related to work. Over 5,000 people in state government have completed this program.

Mayor Lovell requested comments or questions from the public. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7751 EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO PURSUE CITY REVENUE BONDS, NOTES, BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL NOT EXCEEDING \$4,000,000 FOR ACQUIRING AND IMPROVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Commissioner Puckett introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution by title only, as follows:

A resolution expressing the intent of the City of Leesburg, Florida to acquire certain properties within the City and improve said properties to provide

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affordable housing; expressing the intent for purposes of compliance with United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-(2)(e) to reimburse with the proceeds of future tax-exempt financings, capital expenditures made with respect to such acquisition, renovation and equipping of such capital assets; providing for the issuance by the City of Revenue Bonds, Notes, Bond Anticipation Notes or other obligations in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,000,000 to pay the costs of such projects; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Knowles moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Christian seconded the motion.

Commissioner Puckett stated the City should not be in the housing business.

Commissioner Christian stated the City is already in the housing business. He believes this is an ideal situation for the City to take over and reduce a problem area. The costs to the City in this problem area are high (trash pickup, police, and fire). Commissioner Christian stated this project is just as important as the Performing Arts Center. The quality of life in the interior of the City needs to be improved.

Commissioner Knowles stated, for the record, he read this item more than once. Kristen Street is the worst area in the entire City of Leesburg. Commissioner Knowles stated the thought of buying this property keeps him awake at night, but nothing the City has tried thus far has worked. Kristen Street has the worst real estate in all of Leesburg. As public servants of Leesburg, renovating the Kristen Street area is one of the best things that can be done for the City.

Commissioner Henderson stated she was flabbergasted by the price and would like to see the price discussed down the road.

Mayor Lovell stated since he has been on the City Commission, Kristen Street has been a real problem. The problem was built into the project when the developer originally developed those apartments and sold them to individual owners instead of having a management system in place. The City needs to act to help the people who live in this complex. The City would have taken the property by eminent domain, but the laws changed so this could not be done. The City is taking the first steps to getting the property under one management system and one owner.

Commissioner Puckett noted he has seen McCobe apartments and other places that were just as bad, but the problems solved themselves without the City buying the properties.

Mayor Lovell requested comments or questions from the public. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Puckett	Nay
Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Four yeas, one nay, the Commission adopted the resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7752 DESIGNATING THE FINANCE TEAM TO WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND IMPROVE SAID PROPERTIES

Commissioner Henderson introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution by title only, as follows:

A resolution of the City of Leesburg, Florida designating the Finance Team to work with the City in connection with the issuance of debt to acquire certain properties and improve said properties to provide affordable housing, authorizing the City Manager to execute the engagement letters; authorizing the City Manager to retain other professional firms as needed; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Christian moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Mayor Lovell requested comments or questions from the public. There were none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Henderson	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Nay
Mayor Lovell	Yea

Four yeas, one nay, the Commission adopted the resolution.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS: None

CITY MANAGER ITEMS:

1. CM Stock stated the City is out to bid on the Streetscaping 441 project as well as the Gymnasium project.
2. CM Stock announced the reduction of the price of gas is also being experienced in the purchase of electric and gas for resale. These decreases are being passed along to the customers.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Christian – stated members from the Men of Distinction are present to show their appreciation to the City for the portable donation. Commissioner Henderson stated the Men of Distinction do many good things. Commissioner Christian stated he visited the new Public Works facility, which is a well thought out building.

Commissioner Knowles – stated the City is doing many good projects of which to be proud. The gymnasium is finally being built this year. The Swimming Pool Committee met and had many good ideas. The Library project has been topped off.

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Commissioner Puckett – none

Commissioner Henderson – stated the City will have several open houses in the near future with several City projects being completed in the near future.. She commended the Police Department on their work on the Duckett case.

Mayor Lovell – stated the topping ceremony of the Library was a beautiful on Thursday. The new Library will be a wonderful educational Oedipus for the next 200 years.

Commissioner Puckett moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion and the regular meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Diane L. Gibson Smith
Recorder

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